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ABABA 0750; D. ADDIS ABABA 14592

1. AS REPORTED INTER ALIA IN REF. A AND B, EMBASSY CONTINUES TO RECEIVE HEAVY PRESSURE FROM EGYPTIAN COLLEAGUES INDEPENDENTLY TO CONFIRM EGYPTIAN REPORTS OF PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA OF ISRAELI CADRES.

2. PER NEW INFO REACHING US, BEING REPORTED THROUGH ANOTHER CHANNEL, IT NOW SEEM VERY LIKELY INDEED THAT ISRAELIS IN FACT IN COUNTRY.

3. PENDING DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION OF HOW THIS DEVELOPMENT FITS INTO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND EGYPT, WE PREFER TO CONTINUE TO TELL EGYPTIANS HERE THAT WE STILL LACK INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF ISRAELI PRESENCE. EVENTS, OF COURSE, COULD OVERTAKE THAT POSTURE AT ANY TIME. IN ANY CASE WE EXPECT UNRELENTING PRESSURE FROM EGYPTIANS HERE TO CONTINUE--PROBLEM IS AT THE TOP OF THEIR ACTION LIST--AND ARE CONCERNED OVER POLITICAL CONCLUSIONS ON USG KNOWLEDGE AND ROLE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR MAY DRAW IF WE CONTINUE TO

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EQUIVOCATE BEYOND THRESHOLD OF CREDIBILITY. WE ALSO

CONCERNED THAT EGYPTIANS MAY REFER TO US AS SOURCE IN  
ANY FURTHER CONVERSATIONS THEY MAY HAVE WITH ETHIOPIANS,  
WHICH COULD ALSO COMPLICATE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH  
EPMG. ACCORDINGLY, WOULD WELCOME DEPT'S EARLY IN-  
STRUCTIONS ON WHERE TO GO FROM HERE.  
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